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SUBJ: ARRIVAL OF U.S. EQUIPMENT AND MINTOFF ON FLEET VISITS

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1. DURING PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER SANT'S POSITIVE PARLIAMEN-
TARY STATEMENT MAY 28 ON ARRIVAL U.S. EQUIPMENT, HE STRONGLY
CRITICIZED INACCURACY OF PREVIOUS DAY'S REPORT IN OPPOSITION DAILY
IN NAZZJON TAGHNA THAT U.S. EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN FLOWN TO ITALY
BY USAF CARGO PLANES AND THAT IT COULD NOT BE FLOWN TO MALTA
BECAUSE OF GOM POLICY AGAINST VISITS OF U.S. MILITARY VESSELS
AND AIRCRAFT.

2. DURING BRIEF DEBATE THAT FOLLOWED, OPPOSITION MP MARIO
FELICE SAID HE ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH THE NATIONALISTS
BECAUSE GOM REFUSED TO ALLOW U.S. MILITARY VISITS TO MALTA.

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3. P.M. MINTOFF RESPONDED THAT GOM POLICY, "OF WHICH LABOR IS

PROUD", REMAINED AGAINST U.S. AND SOVIET NAVAL VISITS. "WHEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS WERE NO LONGER RIVALS, THAT POLICY WOULD BE RECONSIDERED, BUT GOM FOLLOWS POLICY OF PEACE IN THE MED."

4. COMMENT: THE IN NAZZJON TAGHNA ARTICLE REFLECTS NATIONALIST DISCOMFITURE WITH U.S. ASSISTANCE TO LABOR ADMINISTRATION AND WAS ATTEMPT, AT LEAST PARTIALLY, TO NEGATE POSITIVE IMPACT FOR GOM
OF ARRIVAL U.S. EQUIPMENT.GETZ

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